

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

April 27, 2021

The Honorable Peter A. DeFazio
Chairman
U.S. House Transportation and Infrastructure
Committee
2167 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Sam Graves
Ranking Member
U.S. House Transportation and Infrastructure
Committee
2167 Rayburn House Office Building
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Dear Chairman DeFazio and Ranking Member Graves,

I am requesting funding for the Onondaga Lake Canalways Trail - Salina Extension Project in the 2021 surface transportation reauthorization legislation.

The sponsor for this project is the Onondaga County Department of Transportation, located at 421 Montgomery Street, New York 13202, and the proposed project would be carried out in both the City of Syracuse and the Town of Salina in New York.

The requested funding amount of \$8,000,000 would be used to complete the final segment of the Loop the Lake Trail project around Onondaga Lake. This segment of the multi-purpose, multi-modal pedestrian and bicycle trail will make the final connection on the southeast side of the lake from the City of Syracuse to the Village of Liverpool in the Town of Salina. This segment will begin at Murphy's Island, include a bridge over Ley Creek and the CSX railroad tracks, then proceed northwesterly along the lakeshore, under the CSX crossing, then to the Butterfly Garden and the existing trailhead at Onondaga Lake Park, a County Park.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars and is anticipated to have significant benefits for my constituents in Central New York. Specifically, this project would increase the availability of safe multi-modal transportation options for the residents of Syracuse and the surrounding area. In addition to being included in the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) Transportation Improvement Plan, this project has been identified by multiple elected officials in our community as an important opportunity to enhance our public facilities and promote tourism in the region.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Thank you for your attention and consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John Katko". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "John" and the last name "Katko" clearly distinguishable.

John Katko
Member of Congress